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International application No. PCT/AU2004/000838	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 25 June 2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 27 June 2003
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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III).

4. With regard to the title,

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. **2b**

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: G01N 35/10, 1/12, 1/14, 1/18, A61J 1/20, A61M 5/32, 5/178, 5/24, B01L 3/02

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
 Earlier Article 15(5) search report for AU 2003903254

 Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 DWPI: g01n-035/10/ic and (needl+ or trocar), sampl+, probe?, pierc+, aspirat+, pipet+, reservoir+, volume, retain+, stor+, hollow, dispens+, b01l-003/02/ic, a61j-001/20/ic or a61m-005/32/ic or a61m-005/178/ic or a61m-00/ic

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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